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WILSON STUBBORN IN HOLDING TO CONTENTION

That United States Must Stand By the Allies

IN ARMED LINER CONTROVERSY

President Writes Letter to Senator Stone Stating Positively That He Will Not Yield.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Wilson at the end of two days of agitation in Congress for some action warning Americans off armed merchant ships of the European belligerents, last night wrote Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, that he could not consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect. The letter follows:

February 24, 1916.
My dear Senator:—I very much appreciate your kind and frank letter of today and feel that it calls for an equally frank reply.

You are right in assuming that I shall do everything in my power to keep the United States out of war. I think the country will feel no uneasiness about my course in this respect. Through many anxious months I have striven for that object amidst difficulties more manifold than can have been apparent upon the surface and so far I have succeeded. I do not doubt that I shall continue to succeed.

The course which the central European powers have announced their intention of following in the future with regard to undersea warfare seems for the moment to threaten insuperable obstacles, but its apparent meaning is so manifestly inconsistent with explicit assurances recently given us by those powers with regard to their treatment of merchant vessels on the high seas that I must believe that explanations will presently ensue which will put a different aspect upon it. We have had no reason to question their good faith or fidelity to their promises in the past and I for one, feel confident we shall have none in the future.

But in any event our duty is clear. No nation, no group of nations, has the right while war is in progress to alter or disregard the principles which all nations have agreed upon in mitigation of the horrors and sufferings of war; and if the clear rights of American citizens should ever unhappily be abridged or denied by any such action we should, it seems to me, have in honor no choice as to what our own course should be.

For my own part I cannot consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect. The honor and self respect of the nation is involved. We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we might be called upon to vindicate them would be a deep humiliation indeed. It would be an implicit, all but an explicit, acquiescence in the violation of the rights of mankind everywhere and of what ever nation or allegiance. It would be a deliberate abdication of our hitherto proud position as spokesmen even amidst the turmoil of war for the law and the right. It would make everything this government has achieved during this terrible struggle of nations meaningless and futile.

It is important to reflect that in this instance we allowed expediency to take this place of principle, the door would inevitably be opened to still further concessions. Once accept a single abatement of right and many other humiliations would certainly follow and the whole fine fabric of international law might crumble under our hands piece by piece. What we are contending for in this matter is of the very essence of the things that have made America a sovereign nation. She cannot yield them without conceding her own impotence as a nation and making virtual surrender of her independent position among the nations of the world.

I am speaking, my dear senator, in deep solemnity, without heat, with a clear consciousness of the high responsibilities of my office, and as your sincere and devoted friend. If we should unhappily differ, we shall differ as friends; but where issues so momentous as these are involved we must, just because we are friends, speak our minds without reservation.

Faithfully yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

READSBORO

A card party was given in I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening by the parishioners of St. Joachim's church. Quite a large number attended. The proceeds were for the benefit of that church.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Dolan returned from their wedding trip Sunday. They arrived at Hoosac Tunnel from the West Saturday night too late for the H. T. & W. train. Not being able to get anyone from here who was willing to brave the blizzard by driving to the Tunnel for them, they remained over night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. MacTeer, coming up the next day on the latter's gasoline car.

The high school seniors of Wilmington will present the play "Brother Joseph" in Masonic Hall Wednesday evening, March 1. Supper will be served to the visitors and townspeople in the vestry of the Baptist church. It is understood the High school of Readsboro are to do the advertising and share the proceeds.

This play has been given twice in Wilmington so that we may feel sure of its being good or it would not have demanded a second presentation.

About twenty attended a preliminary meeting held by Willard Bartlett, secretary of the Bennington County Improvement society last Thursday evening with a view to holding a week's campaign similar to what has recently been held in Stamford. It is understood that this campaign would be no expense to the town with perhaps the exception of entertaining some of the speakers while here. Surely Readsboro has need of improvement along a number of lines and if there is some way that these can be brought before the people why not take it up? Another meeting will be held in the town hall Saturday evening, Feb. 26 when it is hoped a large representation of the townspeople will be present. Mr. Bartlett will again speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson passed their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Feb. 18. Mr. Johnson is employed by the chair company and because of shortage of men on account of sickness, worked that day as usual. Consequently no celebration was made with the exception of a post card shower. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married at Sherman by the late Rev. N. D. Sherman on Feb. 18, 1866. Mrs. Johnson, who was Miss Clemens Canedy, was born in Hartwellville and has always lived in this town with the exception of a short time when they lived in Searsburg. Mr. Johnson was born in Huntington, Mass., and previous to their marriage lived in Springfield, Mass., and vicinity. They were blessed with three children, the oldest, Freddie died when 15 years old. One daughter, Mrs. C. R. Warner, who lives in West Springfield, Mass., and a son, Carl Johnson who lives on Laurel Ave., North Adams. They also have two grandchildren. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are in excellent health and their many friends wish for them many more years of happy married life.

E. C. Baker is again able to be out after being confined to the house ten days with grip and lumbago.

M. C. Chapman has finished his work for the Readsboro chair company and is preparing to move out of town. Martin Gately is also working his notice at the chair factory.

Saturday night the Readsboro officers were notified by phone to be at the station to relieve the H. T. & W. R. R. of an over supply of passengers who had been imbibing in

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JAS. H. LIVINGSTON VETERAN EDITOR PASSES AWAY

Had Been in Failing Health For Several Months

HE LONG EDITED THE REFORMER

Learned Printers Trade in Rutland and Had Been a Resident of Bennington Over Thirty Years.

James H. Livingston died at his home on Booth Terrace Thursday afternoon after an illness of several weeks which gradually undermined his strength. The end came suddenly following several sinking spells, but his family had known for some time that his condition was serious.

Mr. Livingston was born in Baldwinsville, near Syracuse, in 1847 and was 69 years old this week. While still a small boy his parents moved to Cambridge, N. Y., where he started to learn the printer's trade at the age of 13. The paper where he was employed failed and he went to Rutland where he completed his trade and was employed for some time. He then went to New York where he worked for several years. At one time he started to study medicine to become a physician but was compelled to give it up because of illness.

About 1873 he came to Hoosick Falls and embarked in the newspaper and job printing business. He remained in Hoosick Falls for 10 years and then became associated with Charles H. Davenport of Brattleboro, later buying from him the Bennington Reformer which was started by Mr. Davenport and the late A. P. Childs. Mr. Livingston owned and edited the Reformer for 19 years, selling out in 1902, since which time he has been engaged in the job printing business on Pleasant street.

He married Miss Ella May Sanders of Berlin, N. Y., who with four children survive, Miss Mabel Livingston, Miss Ida Livingston, Mrs. Leonard H. Godfrey and J. Guy Livingston.

The funeral will be held from his late home at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and will be private. Rev. George S. Mills will officiate.

James H. Livingston was one of the most vivid and trenchant writers who ever wielded an editorial pen in Vermont. He felt strongly and had a remarkable power of expression. In newspaper controversy he had no equal in this part of the country. He was a master of sarcasm and quick to see a point.

When he espoused a cause he was always a force to be reckoned with and he did an important work in support of many things of merit. He fought long and successfully for a water system for Bennington and the Seventh ward school is one of the fruits of his earnest efforts. He was a warm friend and generous and public spirited in both public and private life.

He was one of the charter members of Bennington Lodge of Elks and a Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge. He was one of the best printers in the state and often insisted on doing a better job than he was paid for merely because he hated to see low grade work turned out of his shop. He will be sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Easy Readers

The basketball games between Burr and Burton girls and the high school girls, the high school boys and the 2nd Y. M. C. A. teams will be followed by the usual hour of dancing at Library hall tonight. The first game will be called at 7:30.

WEATHER.

Rain or snow tonight and colder. Snow flurries Saturday with high winds.

over supply of North Adams booze. Eight men were taken to the town hall for safe keeping and Monday were tried before Justice C. H. Faulkner who imposed the minimum fine and costs amounting to \$5.25 each. They were mostly employers at Mountain Mills and it is understood the company there for whom they work interceded for them.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

WARNING IS READY TOWN MEETING IS COMING

Big Effort Will Be the Fight On the Perry Bill

MANY ARTICLES IN WARNING

Supporters of Better Roads Will Ask To Have Two Jobs Done This Year.

The inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, qualified by law to vote in town meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Library Hall in said Town on Tuesday the 7th day of March, 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To see whether the town will vote to empower and authorize the selectmen to appoint one or two road commissioners, the number to be determined by the town in said meeting, or whether the town will vote to elect one or two road commissioners.

2. To see if the town will vote to elect one Library trustee.

3. To see if the town will vote to elect a lister to serve one year in addition to the lister to be elected at said meeting for the term of three years.

4. To see if the town will vote to elect a second constable.

5. To see how many grand jurors the town will vote to elect for the year ensuing.

6. To see if the town will vote to elect a collector of taxes.

7. To see if the town will vote to elect a tree warden.

8. To elect all Town Officers.

9. To vote by ballot in the manner provided by law upon the following questions: "Shall an act of the general assembly of 1915 entitled, 'an act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, become a law May 1, A. D. 1916?'"

10. To vote by ballot in the manner provided by law upon the following questions: "A. Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" B. "Shall licenses of the fifth class be granted in this town?"

11. To vote by ballot in the manner provided by law upon the following question: "Shall an act of the general assembly of 1915 entitled, 'an act to provide for primary elections' become a law March 20, 1916?'"

12. To hear reports of the town officers.

13. To see what sums are necessary to be raised for the following purposes, viz: For the laying out, maintaining and repairing the highways of the town and for the payment of a state highway tax; for maintaining the schools and school houses, and for the school purposes of the town and for the payment of a state school tax; for the payment of any indebtedness and interest thereon; for the support of the poor; for the maintenance of bridges and of winter or snow roads, for the prosecution and defense of the common rights and interests of the inhabitants of the town for the other necessary and incidental current town expenses; and the payment of a county tax as required by No. 248 of the Acts of 1915; and the payment of the direct state tax required by No. 50 of the Acts of 1915; and to vote a tax upon the Grand List of the Town for the payment thereof.

14. To see what sum, if any, and not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, in excess of the amount of the highway taxes now required by law, the town will vote to appropriate to be expended for permanent improvements of its highways in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Public Statutes of Vermont, and amendments thereto.

15. To see what, if any, additional sums the town will vote to appropriate for the permanent improvement of the highway leading from the east line of the village of Bennington eastwardly to the west line of the town of Woodford and for the permanent improvement of the main highway leading westwardly from the railroad crossing on the Colgate road so-called to the east line of the State of New York and to provide for the raising of any sum thus appropriated.

16. To see if the town will vote to have medical inspection of the schools of the town.

17. To see if the town will vote to install a uniform system of public accounting as recommended by the officials as appointed by the Governor under the act of 1915.

18. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the planting

WAR WILL BE OVER BY APRIL 15TH SAYS BERLIN

Message Received By Commanders of Intermed Tueton Boats Here

PREPARE CREWS TO LEAVE

News Startles Washington This Morning Which Is Skeptical of Fake.

Washington, Feb. 25.—News which has startled all official Washington was received in several cablegrams from Berlin this morning to commanders of German vessels interned at American ports, that the war will end on April 15th.

German victories the past week and internal arrangements which have not yet been made public, are said to be behind the move. Official directions have been given, however, for commanders to assemble their crews and prepare their vessels to leave port.

Count Von Bernstorff would make no statement until he had received further word from his government.

LOOKS LIKE LYMAN

Man Arrested at Tampa Resembles Alleged Swindling Broker.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 25.—A man answering the description of J. Grant Lyman, wanted in New York for alleged defalcations of more than \$200,000, was arrested late yesterday on a yacht at St. Petersburg, Fla. He declined to answer questions as to his identity. The man was said to have with him on the yacht several trunks and suit cases containing an elaborate wardrobe, \$14,905 in cash and a certified check for \$5964 payable to the bearer and drawn on the Manhattan company of New York. There were several indorsements on the check, the police said, the last one being the signature "John H. Putnam & Co."

This was the name of an alleged fraudulent concern organized by Lyman in New York.

Lyman, who operated offices in New York, Hartford, Ct., and this city, under the name of J. H. Putnam & Co., disappeared from New York on the 10th, just before the federal authorities in New York started to make an investigation of charges of alleged swindling and misusing the mails. Since his disappearance the firm of J. H. Putnam & Co. have been petitioned into bankruptcy and reports of the receiver show that Lyman had made away with nearly \$400,000 which he had collected from clients during the few months he had been in business.

A large shipment of new ladies' spring dress skirts just arrived at Noveck's. Adv.

or protection of shade trees, pursuant to the provisions of No. 75 of the Acts of 1904, entitled, "